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# CONVOCATION WEEK - 1954
## FEBRUARY 1, 2 and 3

## *Horton, Luccock, Ferris and Cumming Will Be Featured Speakers*

A strong program has been planned for the annual observance of Bangor Theological Seminary's Convocation Week on February 1, 2, 3, 1954. We are most happy to announce that our own Dr. Charles Gordon Cumming, Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature, will give the Samuel Harris Lectures on Literature and Life. It is also with pleasure that we introduce to our Convocation Week audience the Rev. Theodore P. Ferris, D.D., who makes his initial appearance as Leader of the Beach Quiet Hour. We welcome back to our Convocation Week platform Dr. Douglas Horton, who was Leader of the Quiet Hour in 1932, as Lewis French Stearns Lecturer on Christian Theology; and Dr. Halford E. Luccock, who gave the Samuel Harris Lectures in 1933, as George Shepard Lecturer on Preaching.

Bangor Theological Seminary cherishes this opportunity to serve the ministers and lay people of Maine and other neighboring states. We are confident that fellowship with such teachers will bring great enrichment in thought as well as inspiration for nobler living.

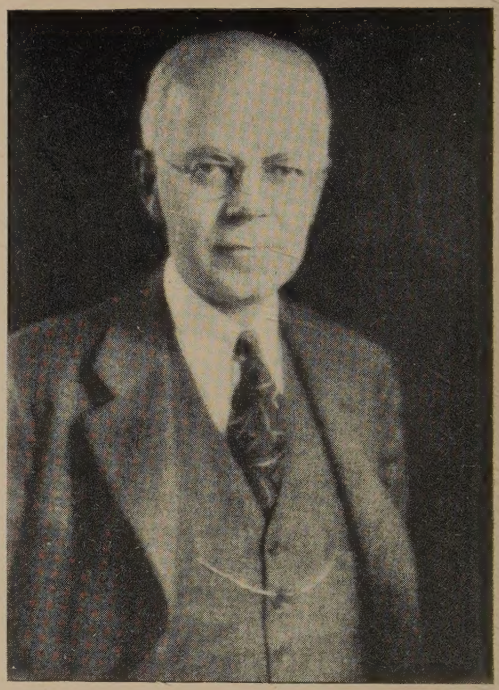
DR. DOUGLAS HORTON

## THE LEWIS FRENCH STEARNS LECTURER ON CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

The Lewis French Stearns Lectures on Christian Theology are to be given by the Rev. Douglas Horton, D.D., Litt.D., Minister and Executive Secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches in America. Dr. Horton, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., graduated from Princeton University (Phi Beta Kappa) and received his training for the ministry at Hartford Theological Seminary. Continuing his education abroad, he studied at New College, Edinburgh; Mansfield College, Oxford; and the University of Tuebingen, Germany. Dr. Horton holds the Doctor of Divinity degree from Lawrence College, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Princeton University; and the Doctor of Letters degree from Marietta College. Before going to his present position with the General Council, Dr. Horton served as pastor of Congregational Churches in Connecticut, Illinois and Massachusetts; during World War I he was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

Dr. Horton is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches; Vice Chairman of the Friends of the World Council, Inc.; and Vice Chairman of the World Conference on Faith and Order, which met last in 1952 at Lund, Sweden. In 1949 Dr. Horton was appointed Moderator of the International Congregational Council, thus becoming the first titular head of a permanent world-wide Congregational body. He led the first group of Protestant Christian churchmen to Japan following the cessation of hostilities in 1945 and also took a prominent part in the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam.

Dr. Horton is an author, editor and translator. Among his books are "Out of Life," "A Legend of the Grail," "Taking a City," "The Art of Living Today" and "Congregationalism, A Study in Church Polity." He translated from the German Barth's "The Word of God and the Word of Man" and edited "The Basic Formula for Church Union."



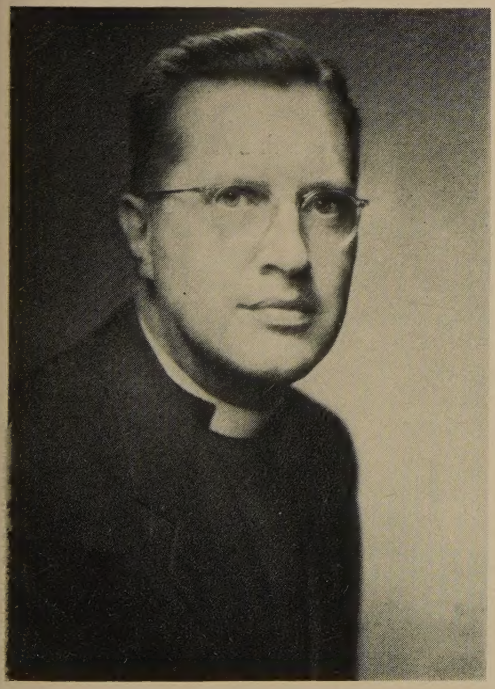
DR. HALFORD E. LUCCOCK

## THE GEORGE SHEPARD LECTURER ON PREACHING

The George Shepard Lecturer on Preaching, the Rev. Halford E. Luccock, D.D., Litt.D., is a Pennsylvanian by birth and the son of a Methodist bishop. Dr. Luccock graduated from Northwestern University, A.B., 1906; Union Theological Seminary (N. Y.) B.D., 1909; and Columbia University, M.A., 1909. He holds honorary degrees from Syracuse University, D.D., 1924, and Allegheny College, Litt.D., 1927. Upon ordination, Dr. Luccock began his service as a Methodist minister in Windham, Connecticut, and for ten years following he was pastor of Methodist churches in Brooklyn, Hartford, and New Haven. For a brief time Dr. Luccock was instructor at Hartford Theological Seminary and later became instructor and registrar of Drew Theological Seminary. The decade from

1918 to 1928 was devoted to literary work, first as Editorial Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church and then as Contributing Editor of the *Christian Advocate*. In 1928 Dr. Luccock became Professor of Preaching at the Yale University Divinity School. Retiring from this position at the close of the academic year 1952-53, Dr. Luccock is now Professor Emeritus.

Nineteen books have come from the pen of Dr. Luccock, the latest two being the Commentary on the Gospel of Mark in the "Interpreter's Bible," and a book of sermons entitled "Marching Off The Map." For the past five years Dr. Luccock has conducted a weekly column in *The Christian Century* under the pen name of Simeon Stylites, and in April, 1953, he delivered the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale University.



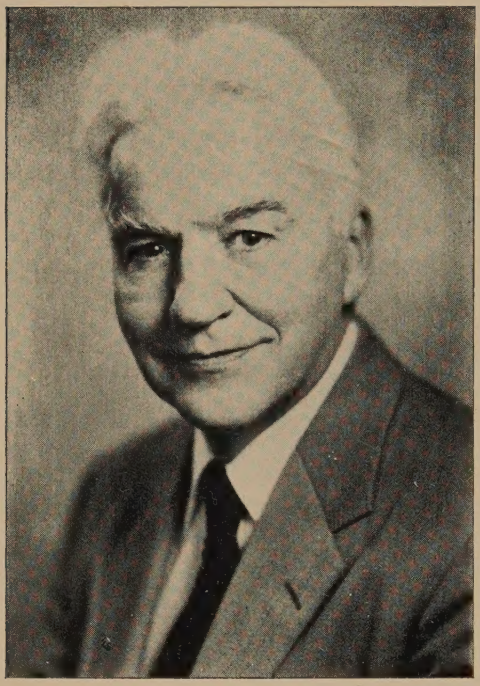
DR. THEODORE P. FERRIS

## THE BEACH QUIET HOUR LEADER

The Leader of the Beach Quiet Hour is the Rev. Theodore P. Ferris, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, Mass. Dr. Ferris is a native of New York State and a graduate of Harvard University, 1929, and the General Theological Seminary, 1933. In 1944 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Rollins College in Florida. Dr. Ferris was ordained as a deacon in 1933 and as a priest the following year. He served as assistant to the Rev. W. Russell Bowie in Grace Church, New York, 1933-37, and during those same years was fellow and tutor at the General Theological Seminary. From 1937 to 1942 he was Rector of Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, Maryland, before going to Trinity Church in Boston in 1942 as fifteenth Rector.

Dr. Ferris is a member of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; a trustee of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the General Theological Seminary and St. Mark's School; and a member of the faculty of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge in the department of Homiletics. In 1946, 1949, and 1952 Dr. Ferris served as delegate from the Diocese of Massachusetts, of which he is a member of the Standing Committee, to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and as delegate of the Protestant Episcopal Church to the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948.

Dr. Ferris is author of the following books: "This Created World," "Go Tell The People," "This Is The Day," Exposition of The Acts of the Apostles in the "Interpreter's Bible," and "The Story of Jesus." He was nominated in 1952 by *Life* magazine as one of America's outstanding preachers.



DR. CHARLES GORDON CUMMING

## THE SAMUEL HARRIS LECTURER ON LITERATURE AND LIFE

Dr. Charles Gordon Cumming, the Samuel Harris Lecturer on Literature and Life, was born in Nova Scotia, the son of a Presbyterian minister. He prepared for college at Pictou Academy, Pictou, N. S., and graduated from Dalhousie University, A.B., in 1905, Union Theological Seminary, (N. Y.) B.D., in 1911, and Columbia University, Ph.D., in 1919. From 1907-08 Dr. Cumming took graduate work in the University of Chicago, and as a Fellow for 1911 from Union Theological Seminary, he studied at the Universities of Marburg, Berlin, and Giessen in Germany. Dr. Cumming came to the United States in 1907 and was naturalized in 1932. He taught in Naparima College, Trinidad, B.W.I., from 1905 to 1907 and later in the Presbyterian Theological College in Trinidad from 1913 to 1916. While teaching in this latter college Dr. Cumming was ordained to the ministry of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. He was instructor in Old Testament in Union Theological Seminary, 1916-19, and during these years he carried studies in Columbia University which led to the Ph.D. degree. Since 1919 Dr. Cumming has been George Angier Gordon Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature in Bangor Theological Seminary, and lecturer on the Henry B. and Emma J. Eaton Foundation since 1922. During his sabbatical year, 1932-33, Dr. Cumming was instructor in the American Schools of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, Palestine. Dr. Cumming is a member of the American Oriental Society and the American Society of Biblical Exegesis. He is the author of "Assyrian and Hebrew Hymns of Praise," 1932.

## LECTURE SCHEDULE

This year's program will consist of twelve lectures. The first will begin on Monday, February 1st, at 2:30 P. M., and there will be four lectures each day for three days. All sessions will be held in the Hammond Street Congregational Church except the Quiet Hours, which will be observed in the Grace Methodist Church.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The annual Convocation Week luncheon will be served on Tuesday noon rather than on Wednesday. The Seminary Choir, under the direction of Mr. William R. Mague, will present a half-hour concert on Tuesday evening. The program will close with a concert by the Bangor Symphony Orchestra in the City Hall on Wednesday evening; the guest artist will be Mr. Lee Cass, bass-baritone.

## RESERVATIONS

A limited number of rooms will be available in the dormitory for those who send in reservations. Tickets for the Convocation Week luncheon are always in great demand and will be reserved as orders are received. Meals will be served in the Seminary dining room. Please address all requests for accommodations, and other communications, to The Convocation Week Committee, Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine.

# THE LECTURES

## The Beach Quiet Hour

THE REVEREND THEODORE PARKER FERRIS, D.D., Leader

THE CALL OF ISAIAH

I. His Vision of God
II. His Own Unworthiness
III. His Mission

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## The George Shepard Lectures On Preaching

THE REVEREND HALFORD EDWARD LUCCOCK, D.D., Litt.D.

BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE, — THE PREACHER'S RELIANCES

I. The Bell: The Presence of God
II. The Book: "The Lively Oracles of God"
III. The Candle: The Man Behind the Sermon

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## The Lewis French Stearns Lectures On Christian Theology

THE REVEREND DOUGLAS HORTON, D.D., Litt.D.

IMMEDIATE THEOLOGICAL ISSUES

I. The Layman and the Church in Racial Tension
II. The Struggle for a Responsible Society
III. The Mission and Unity of the Church

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## The Samuel Harris Lectures On Literature And Life

THE REVEREND CHARLES GORDON CUMMING, Ph.D.

THE RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE OF THE PSALTER

I. Redemption and Release
II. Gratitude and Adoration
III. Communion and Peace

# Know Your Trustees!

Continuing our series of biographical sketches, we present Mr. Arthur G. Eaton of Bangor, who was elected to the Board of Trustees in June, 1952. Mr. Eaton was educated in the Bangor public schools and at the University of Maine. He went to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1913 and spent several years in sales promotion and advertising work. In 1932 he became a special agent of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester, Massachusetts; he was transferred to Bangor in 1938 and now serves this organization as Associate General Agent.

Mr. Eaton is an active worker in civic, Masonic, and Church bodies. He is a member of the York and Scottish Rites, the Anah Temple Shrine, and the Hammond Street Congregational Church; a corporator of the Eastern Maine General Hospital and the Bangor Savings Bank; and a past president of the Katahdin Council of Boy Scouts, the Bangor Kiwanis Club, the Bangor-Brewer Community Chest, and the State of Maine Life Underwriters Association.

MR. ARTHUR G. EATON

# The Alumni Bulletin

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Alumni News is earnestly sought. Please direct to The Editor of the Alumni Bulletin, Bangor Theological Seminary.


## A New Year's Greeting

You will not read this until the new Christian year has begun, but I am writing it in the glow of the Christmas season with a heart full of gratitude for the blessings and opportunities we share in the fellowship of Bangor Theological Seminary. May I express to each one of you who has given the school material or spiritual assistance my own deep appreciation of your kindness and generosity.

The Seminary is moving forward to meet more adequately the needs of the churches for an educated and consecrated ministry. A charter for expansion during the next ten years has been adopted by the Board of Trustees. The administrative and teaching staffs are being strengthened. The student body is being augmented. The churches are recognizing their role as partners in the training of spiritual leaders. The alumni and an ever-growing list of other friends of the Seminary are manifesting a genuine interest in the welfare of the school. A spirit of Christian optimism pervades the campus on the eve of Christmas and another new year.

In thankfulness for all this, it is my prayer that God will be with each one of us during the days which lie ahead, to the end that we may more perfectly trust Him, love Him, and serve Him.

Faithfully yours,
Frederick W. Whittaker, President

Dr. Marion John Bradshaw, Professor of the Philosophy of Religion, has written a timely new book entitled, *Free Churches and Christian Unity*, which is scheduled for publication by The Beacon Press, Boston, in March, 1954. The book will be reviewed in the April issue of *The Alumni Bulletin* by the Rev. Harry R. Butman, '28, minister of the Church of the Messiah, Los Angeles, California.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS; ELECTS TWO NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Trustees held its semi-annual meeting in Portland, Maine, on December 7, 1953, with sixteen of the eighteen members present. Chairman Willard S. Bass presided. Among other actions taken by the Board was the election as new members of William S. Linnell, Esq., of Portland, and Mr. James A. Gannett of Orono.

Mr. Linnell has been the senior partner in the Portland law firm of Linnell, Brown, Perkins, Thompson and Hinckley since 1934. He holds the degree of A.B. from Bowdoin College and of B.L. from the George Washington University Law School. He is president of the Board of Trustees of Thornton Academy and the Westbrook Junior College; President of the Portland Gas Light Company; and director of the Portland National Bank of Commerce and the Wilton Woolen Company. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Bar Association, the Portland Rotary Club, and the State Street Congregational Church.

Mr. Gannett has been associated with the University of Maine since 1904. He holds its B.S. degree and its honorary M.A. degree. He is Registrar Emeritus of the University, after forty years of service, and at the present time is Resident Secretary of the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation. He is a member and past president of the National Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He serves the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono as chairman of the Board of Deacons.

## VICE PRESIDENT FENNER SPEAKS TO BOSTON ALUMNI; OFFICERS ELECTED

Twenty-seven alumni and a member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Ellison F. Beckwith, attended the annual meeting of the Boston-Bangor Alumni Association at the Hotel Elliott, Boston, Mass., on Monday, October 19, 1953. The Rev. Daniel W. Fenner, Vice President of the Seminary, was guest speaker. He gave a most interesting address describing the many phases of his work at the Seminary and a question period followed. During the business meeting, Raymond J. Cosseboom, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominations of his committee and the following officers were elected:

President.....Herbert M. Worthley
Vice President.....Robert S. Balfe
Secretary-Treasurer.....Gordon H. Washburn

# Alumni Notes

'98—Morriston J. Thomas represented B.T.S. at the inauguration of Dr. Paul Minnich Robinson as fourth president of Bethany Biblical Seminary at Rufus D. Bowman Chapel, Chicago, Illinois, November 9, 1953. *(Address: 1718 Montrose Ave., Chicago 13, Ill.)*

'09—The First Congregational Church of Somerville, Mass., where Stephen C. Lang has been pastor since 1919, celebrated its centennial year during the period October 16-25, 1953. At the Service of Praise held on Friday evening, October 16th the mortgage note was burned by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Church Treasurer. Mr. Lang gave the address of the evening. On Sunday morning, October 18th, Dr. Albert Buckner Coe preached the centennial sermon. An anniversary banquet was held on Wednesday evening, October 21st, with a reception following, and on the second Sunday of the centennial celebration, October 25th, Dr. Percy E. Thomas, a former pastor, preached the sermon and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Lang held an "at home" at the parsonage for members of the parish and friends. *(Address: 22 Franklin St., Somerville, Mass.)*

'18—Harold E. LeMay has been separated from the chaplaincy of the U. S. Navy and is now pastor of the Congregational Church in Cloverdale, California. *(Address: Cloverdale, Calif.)*

'21—Roy H. Burgess closed his pastorate with the Methodist Church in Calais, Maine, where he had served since June, 1952, on November 16, 1953. He leaves shortly to become teacher of Senior English in Caribou High School. *(Address: Caribou, Maine.)*

'22—Albert B. Kettell, pastor of the Congregational Church in Princeton, Me., since 1952, has accepted a call to the Congregational Churches of Waite and Talmadge, Maine. *(Address: Waite, Maine.)*

'25—Leon A. Dean, after a pastorate of ten years with the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Fairfield, Conn., has accepted a call to the Second Congregational Church of Ashtabula. *(Address: Ashtabula, Ohio.)*

'25—Alfred G. Peacock, formerly a chaplain in the Air Force, is now pastor of the Hallandale Community Church. *(Address: Hallandale, Florida.)*

'31—The many friends of the Rev. Bessie A. Cox will be very sorry to learn that she is ill at her home in Northfield, Maine. A year ago she suffered a stroke and her health has been in a serious condition since that time. *(Address: R.F.D. No. 1, Machias, Me.)*

'35—John E. Morgan, pastor of the Congregational Church of East Walpole, Mass., 1945-53, has taken up his duties as pastor of the Union Congregational Church in Wollaston. *(Address: Union Congregational Church, Beach Street and Rawson Road, Wollaston 70, Mass.)*

'40—G. Stanley Keast is now pastor of the Congregational Church in Freehold, N. Y. He formerly served the Congregational Church in Oxford, N. Y., 1950-53. *(Address: Freehold, N. Y.)*

'40—Valton V. Morse, since 1948 pastor of the Congregational Church in Lubec, Me., has been called to the Congregational Church in Cumberland Center. *(Address: Cumberland Center, Me.)*

'43—Maldwyn V. Parry, formerly Associate Minister of the Second Congregational Church in Holyoke, Mass., (1952-53), is an Associate Minister in the First Congregational Church in West Hartford. *(Address: 12 South Main St., West Hartford 7, Conn.)*

ex-'44—Alfred E. Vincent has recently been appointed to the Kennebunkport Congregational Church *(Address: Kennebunkport, Maine.)*

## Obituaries

'16—The Rev. James Ainslie died April 17, 1953, at Waterbury Hospital, (Conn.) after suffering a coronary attack. Mr. Ainslie was born in Carlisle, England, July 19, 1880 and graduated from Longtown Academy, England. He came to this country in 1908 and on April 15 1917, was ordained into the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Church at Bar Harbor, Maine. He served as pastor at Fort Fairfield, Me., 1916-18; Chicopee, Mass., 1918-21; Cambridge, 1921-24; Woburn, 1924-30; Lynn, 1930-36; West Springfield, 1942-44; and North Attleboro, 1944-47. He received the M.A. degree from Boston University in 1933 and the B.D. degree from Bangor Seminary in the same year.

Mr. Ainslie was a member of the Masons and a past grand chaplain of the Order of Scottish Clans. He served on the Board of Examiners for the New England Conference of the Methodist Church, 1933-41, and on the Board of Stewards for the same group, 1936-38. Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church of Thomaston, Conn., on April 21, 1953. Surviving is his widow, Elizabeth Valentine Ainslie, a daughter, Mrs. William Nickerson of Pasadena, Calif., two sons, James, Jr., of Great Neck, N. Y., and Douglas H., of Manchester, and three grandchildren.

## Births

'47—Congratulations to Elfie and Lawrence Small on the birth of a daughter, Linda Jean, on November 15, 1953. *(Address: 79 Bacon St., Winchester, Mass.)*

## Installations and Ordinations

'42—Emil A. Ahokas was installed as minister of the Sleepy Eye and Comfrey Congregational Churches in the Union Congregational Church, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, on October 14, 1953. The ecclesiastical council met in the afternoon for the purpose of examination, followed by a fellowship supper and the public service of installation in the evening. *(Address: 208 West Walnut St., Sleepy Eye, Minn.)*

'48—Everett I. Campbell was ordained to the Christian ministry in the Evangelical Protestant Congregational Church of Duquesne Heights, Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 9, 1953. Those having part in the service included the Revs. Edward E. Martz, J. Wesley Buono, John Hare, Marion J. Bradshaw, Charles Klingman, Paul C. Bekeschus, Walter J. Thoms and Mrs. Florence Guenther. *(Address: 4531 Fobes St., Apt. 104, Pittsburgh 13, Pa.)*

'51—Frederick Robie, Jr., was ordained to the Christian ministry in the Congregational Church of Madison, Maine, on October 25, 1953. The following ministers participated in the service, Rev. Malcolm A. MacDuffie, '44, Mr. Percival Wyman, Dr. Arthur R. Macdougall, Jr., '24, Dr. Charles G. Cumming, Dr. Marion J. Bradshaw, Rev. Harrison W. Dubbs, Dr. Milton M. McGorrill, Dr. Cornelius E. Clark, '22. *(Address: Madison, Me.)*

ex-'52—Edwin C. Burlingame was ordained to the Christian ministry at Gregory, South Dakota, on September 27, 1953. The Sermon was given by Rev. Elmer E. Hoats. Other parts were taken by the Revs. Ralph J. Hoffman, Arnold M. Brown, Howard H. Frazier, Hugo Flaig, and Fred K. Swett. *(Address: Gregory, S. D.)*


# CONVOCATION WEEK LECTURES

## Begin Monday, February 1st, 2:30 P.M.

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